

## **General Information**

The North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation partnered with the North Carolina Board of Nursing, the North Carolina Community College System, and others to produce the state-approved Geriatric course.

The state-approved Geriatric course was established in response to the [North Carolina Institute of Medicine \(IOM\) Long-Term Care Task Force](#). The task force report titled, [A Long-Term Care Plan for North Carolina: Final Report \(January 2001\)](#), is available through the [IOM website](#).

The North Carolina Geriatric Aide Registry was established in 2008.

[Geriatric Aides](#) are individuals who are listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry and who have completed the state-approved geriatric aide training course. The course is taught at participating community colleges.

The training builds upon Nurse Aide I knowledge and includes topics such as dementia and challenging behaviors, mental health issues, and death and dying. Aides also learn self-care and ways to manage stress.

Employers will be able to verify an individual's training on the Nurse Aide I Registry.